

## WHAT IS A BLOCKHEAD?

A Live Question Answered last Night by Rev. F. D. Power.

## HE WALKS THE STREETS EVERY DAY

A Large Audience Entertained at the Disciples' Church Last Night—A Blockhead, One Who Has Sense, but Don't Know How to Use It.

An entertaining lecture was delivered yesterday evening by Rev. F. D. Power at the Disciples' church. The church was comfortably filled, and the audience laughed heartily at the witty sallies of the lecturer. Mr. Power has a fine platform presence and an effective voice, which he uses to good advantage. The subject of the lecture was "Blockheads." Mr. Power remarked that every lecturer must address himself to a subject. In conformity with this rule he would address himself to blockheads, not intending the word as a personal allusion to his audience. Men are four in kind. He who knows not and knows not that he knows not, is a fool. He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple. He who knows and knows that he knows, is wise; and he who knows, and knows not that he knows, is a blockhead. A blockhead, continued the lecturer, is one who has every faculty, except the faculty of applying his faculties in the right direction.

Mr. Power disagreed with the ordinary definition of a blockhead as being a timber head, a wooden head, a man with no sense. A blockhead was a sleeping giant, a dozing Hercules, an undeveloped genius, an undirected volcano. A blockhead was a man out of his place, a lawyer who would be better employed as a carpenter or a bootblack, one who needs as a reminder the motto, "Know Thyself." The now prevalent knowledge of electricity and steam means simply that the old blockhead is aroused and applying his faculties. The fact of so many men having chosen the wrong occupation was evidence, the lecturer thought, that the blockhead was around. Many, he said, failed to get on because they didn't know what they were fit for, and many thought they were fit for what they were unfit. In illustration of this he related a pathetic story of an old minister who, when too old to preach, retired to the country and took charge of the education of several children. The force of his example and the strength of his teaching was such that his pupils grew up to be noble men and women. The minister did not think his talent lay in the direction of educating children, but spent all his spare time in writing on mathematics. After his death great piles of manuscript were examined by mathematicians, only to be pronounced as faulty.

No man, the lecturer continued, was a blockhead who concentrated his powers upon his occupation, whether it be driving a nail, making a speech, or doing anything he was called upon to do. In thirty days, said he, there wouldn't be a blockhead in Wheeling, if every man in the city were to direct his energies properly. He mentioned three who knew their powers and applied them in the right direction: Leonardo da Vinci, who invented the wheelbarrow, and yet was a painter, a sculptor and an architect; Jenny Lind, who knew her powers as a songster, though the instructor to whom she first went on her visit to Paris, told her that she would never be a success as a singer; and Abraham Lincoln, who, notwithstanding the difficulties that beset the beginning of his career, continued in it and made a success of it.

Mr. Power's lecture was filled with comic stories illustrating the actions of blockheads, and was accompanied by the laughter of the audience throughout.

## DOWNING AS VIRGINIUS.

A Large and Appreciative Audience at the Opera House last Evening.

Mr. Robert Downing, Miss Eugenie Blair and a very competent company played Knowles' tragedy, "Virginus," at the Wheeling Opera House last night. The audience filled the house as full as it would comfortably hold down stairs, and there was an unusually good attendance in the gallery for such a drama. Not only in size, but in the make up of the audience it was of a character to encourage any star. Intelligence and culture marked it in an unusual degree.

To win the enthusiastic approval of such an audience were reward worthy of the efforts of any actor or any company of actors. This Mr. Downing and his company won, and won in increasing degree as the play progressed. Really, his finest work was done in the last act, where the transition from the insane Virginus, with his victim at his feet, to the loving father of the dead but not dishonored Virginus, gives the emotional test of the play. In the former scene he was satisfactory, and he was especially admirable in the scenes in which the tender and the heroic are so wedded as to be almost one.

Of Miss Blair's Virginia it is scarcely necessary to speak. In appearance she is the ideal of the fair Roman girl, and mediocre acting would be tolerated with such a Virginia; but with her natural charms she unites those of a finished and intelligent artist, making of the part as nearly what the mind conceives as would be possible on the stage. Mr. Fred C. Mosely sustained his reputation as a fine actor by an intelligent and impressive rendition of the role of Julius. Mr. Ferry and Mr. Macomber were worthy of the company they appeared in, and the rest of the cast was better than the average of traveling companies. The audience was appreciative throughout.

This afternoon at the matinee a double bill will be given, "French Marriage" and "Katherine and Petrucchio." In the latter Miss Blair wears some especially attractive costumes. This evening "Damon and Pythias" will be the play. This drama appeals to the human heart, but is especially significant to the members of the order of Knights of Pythias. Mr. Downing's rendition of it is especially noteworthy, for the reason that he has in his company seven members of that order, himself being one, and as the Knights are very strong in Wheeling they will no doubt give him a brave reception this evening, and all who appreciate a good thing in the dramatic line will embrace the opportunity to see a great drama worthily enacted.

Go where you will, you will find people using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and unanimous in its praise.

I suffered most severely from rheumatism during winter. After using Salvation Oil two days the pain entirely subsided, and now I am a well man.

The Wheeling Building Association is still open for new members. Meets Saturday evenings at office of Franklin Insurance Company, No. 34 Twelfth street.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

MATINEE at the Opera House to-day. The Eighth ward hose house is being repaired.

Opera House this evening—"Damon and Pythias."

One coal dealer says he sold over 1,000 bushels of coal on Thursday.

To-day is pay day at the Bogg's run mining works and the Riverside works.

The miners employed at the Bogg's run coal mines gave a ball at Westwood's hall last night.

DAVID ODELL, aged thirty-two, and Sadie Larson, aged twenty-four, both of Ohio county, were yesterday licensed to wed.

JOSEPH DOBLEN, who had his foot badly mashed at the Benwood steel plant, is able to get about with the use of crutches.

HOLLIDAY & SON's team ran off near the mill and scattered boards all over the streets of that ward before they were stopped.

ABOUT the first of January the headquarters of Stephens Post, G. A. R., will be changed from Hlandian's to Helmreich's hall.

CHIEF OF POLICE WEDDELL, of Martinsburg, writes Chief Delbrunze that he arrived safe with McGinn, and he has been held for the circuit court.

SEVERAL teams are at work hauling timbers from the Terminal yard at Twenty-ninth street, to be used in the false work of the Main street stone bridge.

JOHN HENRY, a cigarmaker living on the island, jumped from a moving electric car yesterday, and falling violently to the ground, dislocated both shoulders.

A NEW council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., will be organized this evening, at Grayville, under the name of Grayville Council No. 55. J. C. Wigman, of Glen Easton, will do the work.

A LITTLE child of Patrick Dougherty, who lives in the Eighth ward, got its dress in the blaze from the grate, and before the flames could be extinguished, was very painfully burned.

WELCOME LODGE, A. O. U. W., had an interesting meeting on Thursday night. Four candidates were initiated, two in the first degree and two in the second. Two applications for membership were also received.

THE funeral of the late Walter A. Todd took place from his late residence on Vermont street yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. Nelson Lodge of Masons being present in a body. The interment was at Greenwood.

THE Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, will attend divine services at the Chapline street M. E. church on Sunday morning, November 22. All members of the Order are requested to meet at their respective council rooms at 9:30 a. m.

"MAHOGANY HALL," on Nineteenth street, has been jacked up about four feet, preparatory to moving it back about forty feet. The rollers are being placed in position, but it will be ten days or so yet before the work of moving will be commenced.

NESBIT & DEVINE, the real estate firm, during the week sold the August Miller property, on Forty-eighth street, for \$1,100; the J. B. Miller property, on South Jacob street, and a lot for S. T. Hanlon, in North Benwood, to Charles Seabright; and the Nesbit property, on Woods street, for \$920.

This evening there will be a reunion meeting at Evangelistic hall. Mr. C. Sawyer will speak, and Mr. H. Kasey will lead the music with his cornet. Miss Ina Reed will act as organist, and much additional aid toward making the meeting interesting and stirring is promised. As usual the doors are open to all and no collection will be taken up.

STREET car traffic was fairly well conducted yesterday, considering the difficulties experienced, by reason of the turning of the overhead cables. Only five cars were running on the loop, and every one had a load every trip. The arranging of the loop wires for the pole trolley system is being rapidly proceeded with, and will be completed in a comparatively short time.

THE fact that certain society gentlemen contemplate giving a swell hop New Year's evening at the Wheeling Club's rooms, will no doubt change the arrangements of many young ladies who intended keeping open house both afternoon and evening. If they keep "open house" in the afternoon they will be fully upholding their hospitality, and the gentlemen will give them a grand reception in the evening.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Z. T. Stewart, of Anthem, is at the St. Charles hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downing are at the McClure house.

W. J. McDonald, of Clarksburg, took dinner at the Behler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crow, of Board Tree, are at the Stamm House.

Mrs. Oliver Pryor, living east of the city, died yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Fanny Simpson, of Steubenville, is the guest of Mrs. George Shefer, of Virginia street.

Captain A. J. Adams, the night clerk at the Hotel Windsor, is off duty on account of illness.

H. L. Moore, of Charleston, and W. D. Helmick, of Fairmont, registered yesterday at the Windsor.

Rev. Father Stanger, of Charleston, is in the city for a few days, and has rooms at the Hotel Brunswick.

H. Arthur, of Cameron, A. T. Hamilton and M. V. Anderson, of Parkersburg, registered at the St. Charles yesterday.

Miss Margaret Wells, of Fourteenth street, entertained friends Wednesday evening at cards, in honor of Miss Kelly, of Baltimore.

Rev. A. Hopkins, of the Disciples church, will be absent from the city on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wilfrey will fill his pulpit on that day.

J. H. Cox, of Bethany, Samuel Jackson, of Parsons, and Louis Howe, of Parkersburg, registered yesterday at the Stamm House.

Mrs. William Hopkins, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hughes, of Clarksburg, are guests of Mrs. Seaton Alexander, of Wheeling Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coniff, of Steubenville, and their children, are the guests of Mrs. Coniff's mother, Mrs. Crogan, on the South Side.

H. C. Phoebus, of Old Point Comfort, has returned to the city after a brief absence, and joined his wife at the Stamm House. He will probably locate here.

## "His Nibs, the Baron."

One of the comedy successes of the season, "His Nibs, the Baron," will be presented at the Opera House Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24. The play is said to be a deviation from the stereotype style of farce-comedies, inasmuch as it enjoys a plausible plot, and a legitimate reason for the comedy complications and ludicrous situations that constitute the body of the performance. While the story is being told, incidentally numerous specialties

of the higher order are being indulged in by the company, the concerted evolutions and dances by a bevy of pretty girls being a marked feature. The "mirror and shoe shoe" dances are among the recent topsical inventions and will be given here for the first time by "His Nibs" company.

## FAIRMONT COAL REGION.

Everything is Booming—Pennsylvania Capital Coming West Virginia-wards.

Captain N. D. Helmick, one of Fairmont's leading manufacturers, was in the city last night, enroute home from an extensive business tour in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Captain Helmick is one of the most progressive and enterprising business men in the state and is an enthusiastic believer in the future prosperity of West Virginia. Speaking to the INTELLIGENCER last night of the great coal and coke development now in progress in the upper Monongahela region, of which Fairmont is the centre, he stated that the newspaper reports of the activity now going on there are not exaggerated. On the contrary the half has not been told. Thousands of acres of rich coal lands are being opened up by the new railroads, the mines and works now in operation are running to their full capacity, the towns are growing rapidly and everything is booming. During the coming year the work of development will be even more active.

Thousands of acres of coal lands which have been purchased by capitalists from other states will be developed and a number of new mines and coke plants will be begun. In that time it is also expected that the railroad connection will be made through to Pittsburgh, and the West Virginia & Pittsburgh railroad will be completed, on through to its southern connection.

"I was agreeably surprised," said the captain, "to note in my recent trip, the interest that is manifested in West Virginia's progress by the people in other states. In Pennsylvania, for instance, the coal men are making inquiries about West Virginia coal lands. At Somerset, the other day, a capitalist who had noticed my name on the hotel register hunted me up. He wanted a host of information about our coal lands. And so it is everywhere I go."

"One thing that astonishes the Pennsylvania men, is the cheapness of our lands in the midst of the development. When I told them that right in the midst of the most active operations the very same veins of coal they themselves are operating are held from one-third to one-half the price prevailing in the Pennsylvania coal region, they opened their eyes. This fact alone makes West Virginia a desirable field for investments. Millions of dollars have already been placed on this account and millions more are coming."

## County Finances.

The finance committee of the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting yesterday passed the ordinance assuming control on the part of the county of the National road. The sheriff's dog tax settlement, showing a balance on hand of \$488 94, was found to be correct and ordered to be filed. In the matter of the map of the county it was directed that civil engineers Smith and Gilchrist, confer and present to the committee an approximate estimate of the cost of a map, the one prepared by Mr. Gilchrist to be the basis, but to include also the county roads, the distance of each from the court house, the road precincts, etc. The insurance on the annex at the county infirmary was ordered to be renewed for three years. The county librarian was directed to write to publishers and ascertain the cost of the Texas reports, which it is designed to add to the law library this year. The matter of the division of the county into new election precincts to comply with the new ballot law was discussed at some length, but final action was deferred.

## To-morrow Night's Rehearsal.

Following is the programme to be rendered by the Opera House orchestra at the Arion hall to-morrow evening, at its bi-weekly public rehearsal, under the direction of Prof. E. W. Spell:

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| PART I.   |              |
| 1. March—"Turner" from the "Goldfuchs".....         | F. Roth      |
| 2. Overture—"Orpheus".....                          | J. Offenbach |
| 3. Waltz—"Summer night in the Cuckold's House"..... | L. Miquel    |
| (New York Herald Prize Waltz.)                      |              |
| PART II.  |              |
| 4. Fantasia from "Rigoletto".....                   | Verdi        |
| 5. Day—"Herzges Kind".....                          | C. Lange     |
| 6. Medley Overture—"Bonnie Scotland".....           | E. S. Cullin |
| PART III.   |              |
| 7. Potpourri—"Students Song".....                   | M. Kohlmann  |
| 8. "Chant de Sylphes," for String Instruments.....  | H. Erichs    |
| 9. Quadrille—"Fete of the Amorettes".....           | E. E. Sekat  |

## A Former Wheeling Man Killed.

Word was received here yesterday afternoon that James A. Donovan, an old Wheeling boy, who has been working in the glass factory at Cygnet, O., had been run over by the cars and fatally injured. Later word came that he had died. No particulars were received. Mr. Donovan was a brother-in-law of D. D. Ingram and William Halfer. Word was sent to forward the body to Wheeling for interment.

## He Wanted to be a Soldier.

Mr. Harbison, of Woodlands, is in the city trying to get his son Thad out of the regular army. Thaddeus is under twenty-one, enlisted about six months ago without his father's consent, and is stationed at Columbus. His father has an order directing his discharge, from the secretary of war. Captain Dovener has been attending to the matter for him.

## Where Did He Get the Money?

Tyrell, the man who has been in jail for some time, under the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, was released yesterday morning. Last night he was brought to police headquarters in a drunken condition, and claimed that \$25 had been stolen from him. He was locked up to enable him to get sober.

## Death of Mr. O. T. Blackburn.

Councilman O. T. Blackburn, of the Fifth ward, Bellaire, died yesterday afternoon after a tedious illness, aged about sixty-seven years. He will be buried Sunday at 2 p. m., under the auspices of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F., of both of which orders he had long been a member, as well as of the Masons.

## His Hand Cut Off.

Last night while Michael Bailey, an employe of the Riverside steel works at Benwood, was engaged in coupling cars in the yards of the works he got his right hand caught between the bumpers and it was terribly mashed. He was taken to Dr. Haskins's office and the hand amputated.

## Daughters' of Liberty Social.

The Daughters' of Liberty milk and mush social, held last night at G. A. R. hall, was an unqualified success, socially and financially. A big crowd was there and enjoyed itself thoroughly. Supper was served, and afterwards the articles remaining were auctioned off and netted a handsome sum.

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## A TICKET OFFICE ROBBED.

The Baltimore & Ohio Office at Bellaire Entered by Thieves Last Evening for the Second Time in a Week.

Last evening a man entered the Baltimore & Ohio ticket office at Bellaire and got away with all the cash in it. The theft happened while the ticket agent and his assistants were absent at supper, and when they returned they discovered the loss. Inquiry showed that there was reason to suspect that a young man named Farley was the guilty party. The thief was seen to leave the place and cross over the river to Benwood, and several men followed him, but after getting across the river he managed to elude them. They searched for some time, but in vain.

A telephone message was sent to the police headquarters here asking the officers to look out for him, as it was thought he had come to Wheeling. He is said to frequent certain East Wheeling resorts at times.

It was said last night that the same ticket office had been entered about a week ago and about \$25 stolen. Officer Donley, when given a description of the suspected thief last night, said that he was confident that he had seen that man in town a little while before, and he went out to catch him, with strong hopes of success.

## BADLY HURT WITH A BRICK.

A Lad Struck on the Head and Seriously Wounded Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon just after the public schools were dismissed, Frank, a young son of Hon. A. J. Sweeney, was walking up the alley from Chapline to Thirteenth street, when several boys got into a half playful and half serious fight with bricks and stones. Young Sweeney threw a stone in fun, and started on up the alley. Bart Jones, another boy of about his own size, who lives on Jacob street, picked up a brick and threw it at the Sweeney boy, striking him a terrible blow on the head, breaking the brick and cutting a serious gash on the boy's face and head. He bled terribly, frightening the other boys badly, and they all scattered. Young Sweeney was taken to Docking's drug store, where Dr. Charles Frissell dressed his injuries. Several stitches were necessary to sew up one gash on his forehead, and his lip was also cut pretty badly.

The incident only illustrates the evil of the stone-throwing habit. The wonder is that there are not more such accidents. There is scarcely a day passes that some narrow escape from death or serious injury is not reported. It is only when some grave result occurs that the police pay any attention to it. If they would give a little attention to it habitually it would soon result in a reform.

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## DIED.

GIESEY—On Thursday, November 20, 1891, at 2:15 p. m., JAMES ELMER, youngest son of M. F. and M. E. Giesey, aged 2 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 2127 Market street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

WHITE—On Thursday, November 13, 1891, BRIDGET WHITE, aged 66 years.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 132 Fourteenth street, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Services at the Cathedral at 9:15 a. m. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

PRYOR—On Friday, November 20, 1891, at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. C. JANE PRYOR, wife of Oliver Pryor, deceased.

Funeral from her late residence, Elm Grove, W. Va., Sunday, November 22, 1891, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Greenwood cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

DONOVAN—At Cygnet, Ohio, on Friday, November 20, 1891, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., JAS. A. DONOVAN, aged 25 years.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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